

# Identifying a legal ram

Figure 1 - Full curl ram

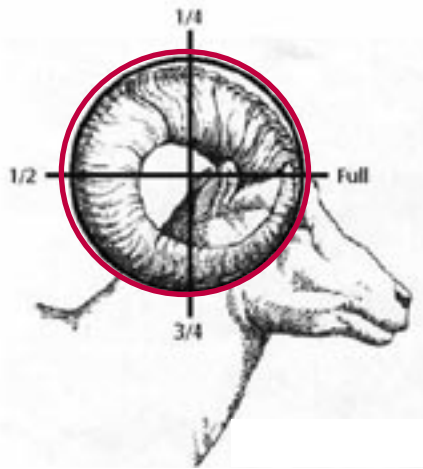


Figure 3 - Annual horn rings

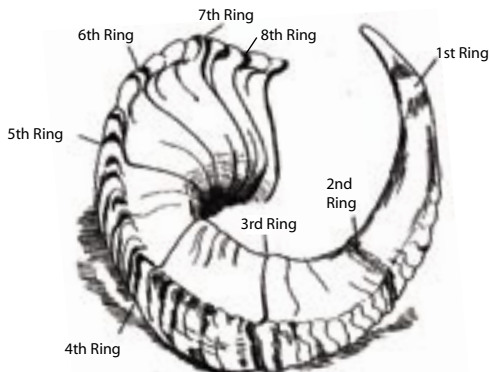


Figure 4 - 3/4 curl ram

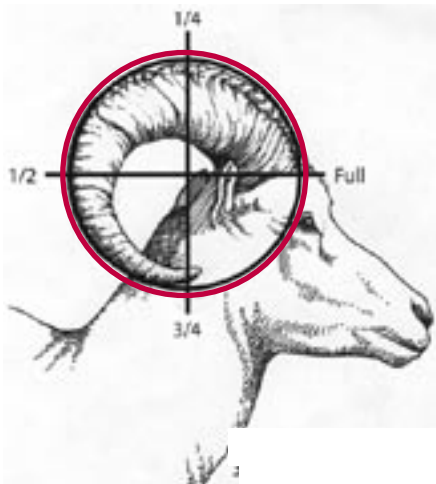


Figure 2 - Ram with both horns broken (broomed.)



Photo courtesy Brad Finch

## A legal ram under a full-curl regulation is:

- A full curl ram, whose tip of at least one horn has grown through 360° of a circle described by the outer surface of the horn, as viewed from the side (see figure 1, left).
- A ram with the tips of both horns broken, or broomed (see figure 2, photo above).
- A ram at least 8 years old as determined by counting annual horn rings and segments (see figure 3, left). Because of false annuli, and narrow horn segments on older rams, it is difficult and risky to age a ram in the field by counting horn rings. If a ram's horns are not legal based on degree of curl or broken tips, you are responsible for counting at least 8 true annuli before attempting to take the ram.

## A legal ram under a three-quarter curl regulation is:

A three-quarter curl ram, whose tip of at least one horn has grown through 270° of a circle described by the outer surface of the horn, as viewed from the side (see figure 4, bottom left).

## Ram horn sealing requirements:

Horns from rams harvested in areas with horn restrictions (see yellow box below) must be **permanently** sealed. The horns, along with the harvest or permit report, must be presented to an ADF&G representative for sealing within 30 days of the date of kill, or sooner if permit requires. Horns must be attached to the skull plate for sealing purposes.

***Sheep rams taken in areas with horn restrictions in Units 7, 9, 11-16, 19, 20, and 23-26 must be sealed.***



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